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# LBJ Picks 3 to Study Viet Reconstruction

President Johnson announced yesterday that he was sending Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance, White House press secretary Bill D. Moyers and special assistant Robert W. Komer to Vietnam next week to study that country's reconstruction program.

The President made the announcement at a news conference in which he said that Komer, who has been deputy special assistant for national security affairs, would become a special assistant to the President to supervise the Vietnamese reconstruction efforts in which the United States is engaged.

Komer has been acting head of the National Security Council staff since McGeorge Bundy left the post last month. The President did not say who would be named as Bundy's successor.

The President said he would speak on NATO problems at

9:30 a.m. today in the State Department auditorium. He originally had been scheduled to speak at noon, but he changed the time because of another appointment.

A note replying in detail to French President de Gaulle's demands that NATO headquarters and American troops be removed from France was handed to French Ambassador Charles Lucet yesterday by Under Secretary of State George W. Ball.

The President has been holding a series of meetings on European problems since Ambassador Charles Bohlen returned to Washington last week for consultations.

When asked whether he would recommend Communist China's admittance to the United Nations, Mr. Johnson indicated that no changes in American policy were in the works.

He said, as Secretary of State Dean Rusk had said earlier, that the United States has made several attempts to have more contacts with China but that "she hangs up the phone."

The President said it was good to have professors and

he added:  
"Until there is some change on China's part, I doubt that these academic discussions will do much more than satisfy people's yearning for information."

John A. Gronouski, the United States Ambassador to Poland, who last week had a lengthy exchange with Peking's Ambassador to Poland, will come home soon for consultations, Mr. Johnson disclosed.

Asked if there were any indications that Hanoi was prepared to negotiate, the President replied in the negative.

The morale of American troops in Vietnam is very high and they are performing licans in Congress and said he cleared.

"I get about 100 letters a week from them," he said. "They are my greatest source of strength."

When asked about this year's campaign issues, Mr. Johnson praised Democrats and Republicans, the President doubted that there would be substantial changes one way or another as a result of the November elections.

The President said he had

that some writers have said there is a "mutiny" on Capitol Hill. It is the kind of mutiny he likes, he said, citing various Administration bills that Congress has approved.

The polls he has seen show that freshmen Democrats, who

may be worried about election prospects, are popular. A few Republican Senators may have trouble being reelected, he said, but most House Republicans probably will be reelected.

Asked whether he would campaign, the President said: "I wouldn't forego a chance to give my views if solicited in the right way and under appropriate sponsorship."

In other comments, the President:

- Said he had no plans to visit Europe.

- Refused to quarrel with AFL-CIO President George Meany, who said this week that labor would not "buy either party." The President said labor has always been independent and he was "very pleased with the general attitude of their leaders."

- Said he looked forward to talks Monday and Tuesday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He conferred yesterday with Indian Ambassador B.K. Nehru.

In elaborating on Komer's assignment, the President said, "we are trying to concentrate our expertise to help these people help themselves." Komer will be in over-all charge of the program in Washington, with the title of "special assistant to the President for



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